

F-1-203
Fry-Page Farmstead
Tuscarora vicinity
Private

Ca. 1850-1944

The Fry-Page Farmstead is minimally significant for the architectural variety of its buildings, with a 1919 Four-Square dwelling, which replaced an earlier house which burned in that year, a log smokehouse of about 1850, a frame bank barn of about 1870, a wagon shed/corn crib of about 1900, three chicken houses, a generator shed, a garage, and a concrete block dairy barn and cow barn. The farm originated possibly as early as the 1790's, but no existing structures appear to date from that time. In about 1858, the farm was owned by Mary Guirey and in 1862 was purchased by Peter N. Leaply, a hotel owner and blacksmith of Licksville. Under the ownership of Scott Fry during the period 1911-1939, the original house burned and was replaced by the existing frame house with a hipped slate roof and wrap-around porch on three sides. Mr. Ernest I. Page has owned the property since 1939.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban dominance, A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/chicken coop
Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Fry-Page Farms tead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6327 Dickerson Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Tuscarora ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ernest & Janie E. Page

street & number 6327 Dickerson Road telephone no.:

city, town Dickerson state and zip code MD 20842

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 421

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 113

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-203

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 8

The Fry-Page Farmstead is centered on a 1919 frame Four-Square dwelling and its associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings, ranging in date from about 1850 to 1944, including a log smokehouse, a frame bank barn, a wagon shed/corn crib, a frame garage, a frame generator shed, and a concrete block cow barn and a dairy barn, the last two structures being built about 1942-1944. The farmstead is located on the south side of Dickerson Road about 1/2 mile west of the Monocacy River near Tuscarora, Frederick County, Maryland. The house is prominently visible on the edge of a slope which descends to a small run between the farmstead and the road. The outbuildings are located south and west of the house. Concrete entrance walls and gateposts studded with quartzite and other local field stones flank the entrance driveway. A second gate of the same material is located at the passage of the driveway into the agricultural section of the farmstead. Dates for the buildings were estimated from architectural details, land records, and, in the case of the house and some of the more recent structures, provided by Mr. Ernest I. Page, who has owned the property since 1939.

The present dwelling replaced an earlier structure which burned in 1919. Mr. Page recalls that the replacement house was immediately built on the same site within the same year. It has a generally square plan with a hipped, patterned slat roof and two interior chimneys. The exterior is covered with german siding. The north, east, and south elevations are fronted by a one-story porch with turned columns and scroll brackets. Each elevation has two bays, except the north side, which was the original main elevation. It has three bays with an entrance in the west bay. The sash is 1/1 with louvred shutters. On the southwest corner of the house is a one-story extension of the porch, which also has a glass-enclosed section shielding the rear door. A third door is located at the southeast corner. The interior of the house has a simple hall and parlor plan with a kitchen at the rear of the house. The door and window frames are simply molded, with corner blocks in the traditional style, but executed in the streamlined manner of the early 20th century machined carpentry.

Smokehouse: The log smokehouse is located southwest of the house near a non-contributing concrete block garage. The smokehouse is a one-story structure with a vertical board door on the north elevation. The roof is covered with composition material and the west elevation of the structure is covered with metal siding. The condition of the smokehouse is fair, and the door is deteriorated. The log building dates from the mid-19th century.

Chicken houses: West of the house in a fenced field are several frame chicken houses. The nearest structure to the house is the most recent, a one-story rectangular building with german siding, a corrugated metal shed roof and a series of 3/3 windows on the east elevation. Further to the west are two deteriorated, older frame chicken coops with vertical siding and metal roofs. The older houses may date from about 1900; the newer building appears to be of the 1920's or 1930's.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c.1850-1944

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Fry-Page Farmstead is minimally significant for the variety of buildings of different periods from the mid-19th to the mid-20th century. While many farmsteads in Frederick County have buildings in this time span, the Fry-Page complex has a fairly good range of building types represented in the Four-Square dwelling of 1919, the log smokehouse of about 1850, the bank barn of about 1870, and the wagon shed/corn crib of about 1900. The generator shed, although its purpose is clearly related to the early 20th century period of the farm, resembles a general-purpose agricultural shed. The farm's origins are unclear, although as early as 1792, the property was acquired by Benjamin Stewart. His wife Mary was the grandmother of Mary C. Guirey, whose name appears associated with the farm on the 1858 Isaac Bond map. In 1862, Peter N. Leaply, a well-known blacksmith and hotel proprietor in Licksville bought the farm as a result of an equity case involving the Guirey heirs. After at least three other owners, Scott Frey (alternately spelled Fry) purchased the farm in 1911. When the original house, probably dating from at least the early 19th century burned in 1919, the present dwelling was built on the same site within the same year. In 1939, Ernest I. Page acquired the property from Mrs. Mary Fry and it is still occupied by Page family members.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-203

Bond, Isaac., Map of Frederick County, 1858.

Grove, William J., History of Frederick County, Frederick: Marken & Bielfeld, Inc., 1928; 102,127.

Land & Equity Records of Frederick County
(continued)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10 acresQuadrangle name Buckeystown, Maryland-VirginiaQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 10 acres centered on the bank barn on Tax Map 109, Parcel 18.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date August 1993street & number 12 E. Church St. telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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7.1 Description (Continued)

Wagon shed/corn crib and garage: These two buildings are located south of the non-contributing garage. The frame wagon shed with cribs probably dates from the first quarter of the 20th century. It has a corrugated metal roof and vertical siding on the north elevation. The cribs have horizontal siding. The small frame garage is located perpendicularly to the north elevation of the wagon shed. It has sliding doors on the east and vertical siding. The north side has an extended open shed. This building also appears to date from about 1900-1925.

Generator shed: The deteriorated frame generator shed housed a battery generator that supplied power to the dwelling, according to Mr. Page. It has vertical tongue-and-groove siding and a sliding door on the west elevation with arched molding panels, a re-used house door. The roof is corrugated metal. The shed was extended to the south with a projection which later housed a gas tank, which replaced the battery as the power source.

Bank barn: The frame bank barn has a stone foundation and vertical and board and batten siding pierced by louvered arched vents. In the north and south gables, the vents are paired. The roof is corrugated metal. The west elevation has two sliding doors. The barn may date from about 1870, based on its architectural style.

Dairy barn and cow barn: These two concrete block structures are located toward the southern edge of the farmstead. They have gambrel metal roofs, german sided gables, and plain concrete block bases. According to Mr. Page, the dairy barn was built in 1944 and the cow barn in 1942.

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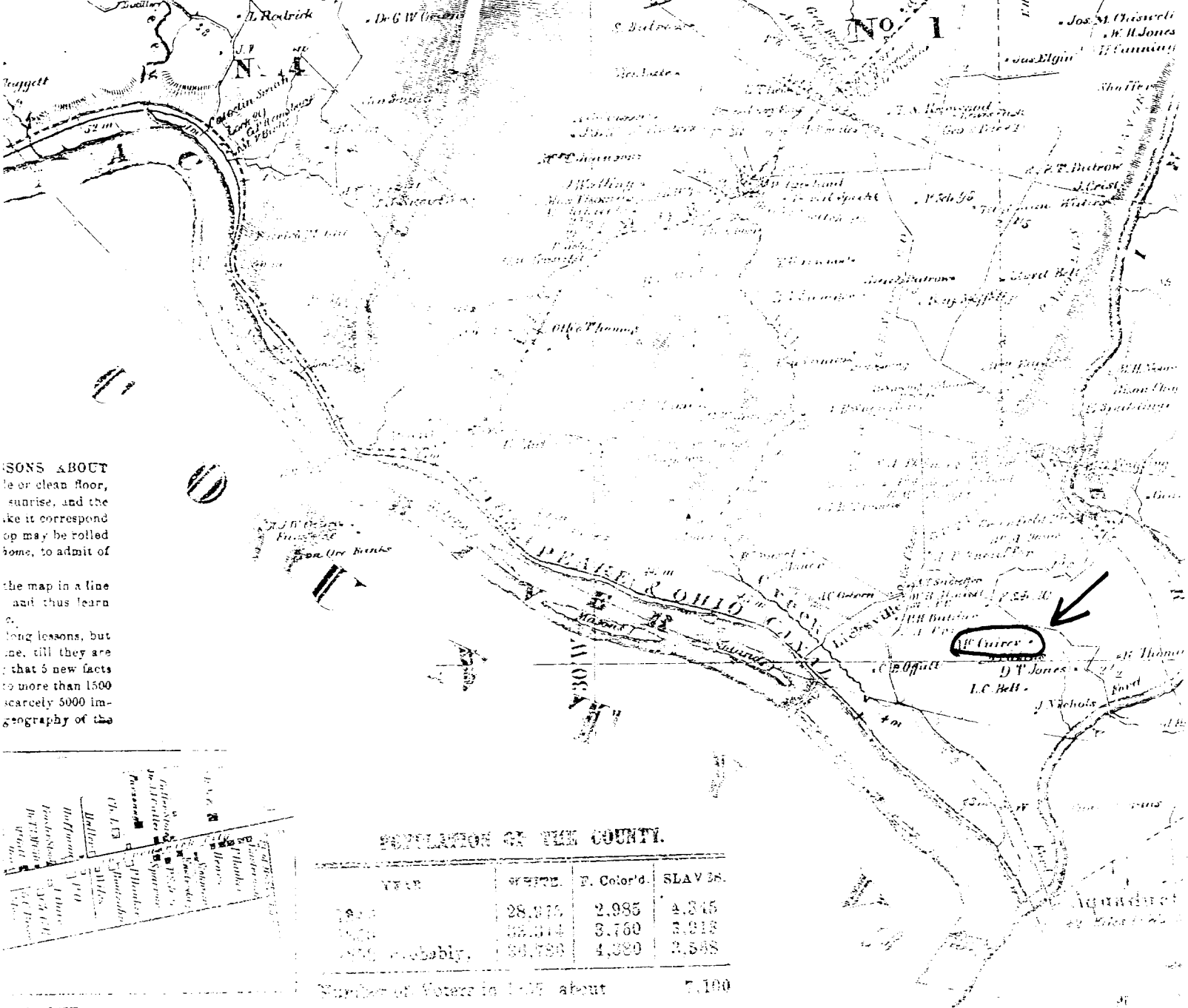
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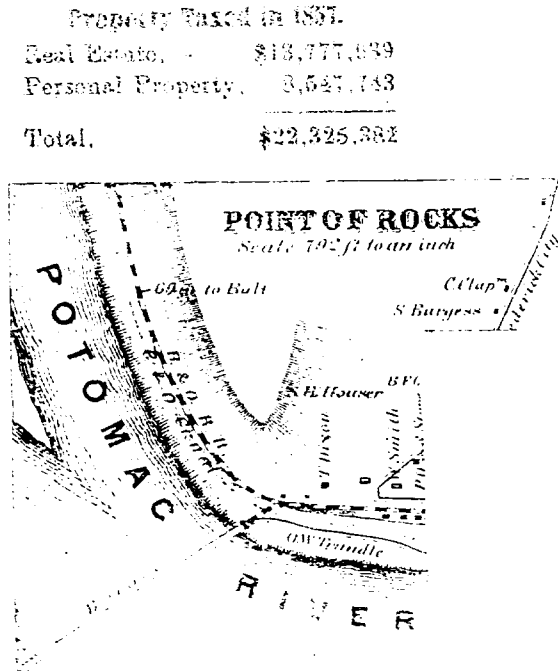
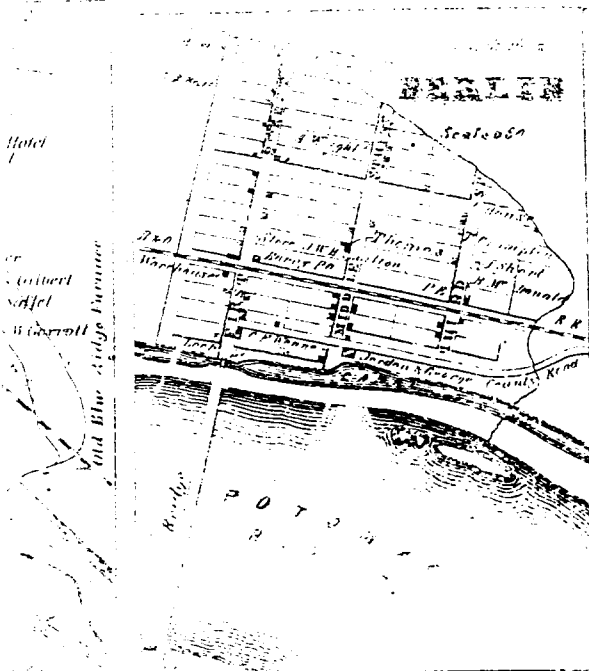
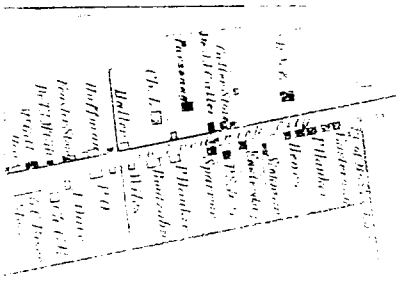
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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
421/113 12 Oct 39	Ernest L. + Janie E. Page	Parsons Neuman	2 parcels, part of "Resurvey on Jedburgh Forest" 133A., 1R., 39p.		
421/111 13 Sept 39	Parsons Neuman	Mary V. Fry, Janie E. Page, + Ernest L. Page, et al	133A. ... (Nellie Fry died; Scott married Mary V.; Scott predeceased Mary V.)		
HWB 296/120 29 Mar 11	Scott Fry (or Fry) + Nellie Fry	Charles E. Nichols et al, exec. of Edward Nichols, dec.	133A. ...	\$66/acre	
<u>Register of Wills</u> <u>Sales of Real Estate</u> SDT 1/28 9 Sept 10			As known as the Peter M. Leapley (et al) farm of 134A. near Licksville	\$500	DHH 17/102 WTP 6/215 JLJ 1/733 DHH 5/545 DHH 11/539 DHH 17/692
<u>Will Record</u> WBC 2/237 11 Apr 10	(will not located in Robt. possible typographical error)	Edward Nichols	will made 19 Mar 07		
DHH JLJ 1/733 10 May 1892	Edward Nichols	Wm. S. + Annie O. Thompson	2 parcels part of "Resurvey on Jedburgh Forest" 133A., 1R., 39p.	\$4,000	
TG 8/361 1 Jul 1877	Wm. S. + Annie O. Thompson	Peter N. Leapley + Rachel E. Leapley	131A.	\$3,000	
BGF 8/123 5 Dec 1862	Peter N. Leapley	John A. Lynd trustee in Equity 2783. Man. C. Survey et al vs. Craven & Walker et al			
<u>Equity Record</u> BGF 2/448	Mary Stewart, grandmother of Mary C. Greivy, dec'd C. 1842		part of "Resurvey on Jedburgh Forest". WR 11/107, 24th Sept. 1792		possessed of tract of 130 1/4A., Benjamin + Mary Stewart from Thomas Chisholm et al
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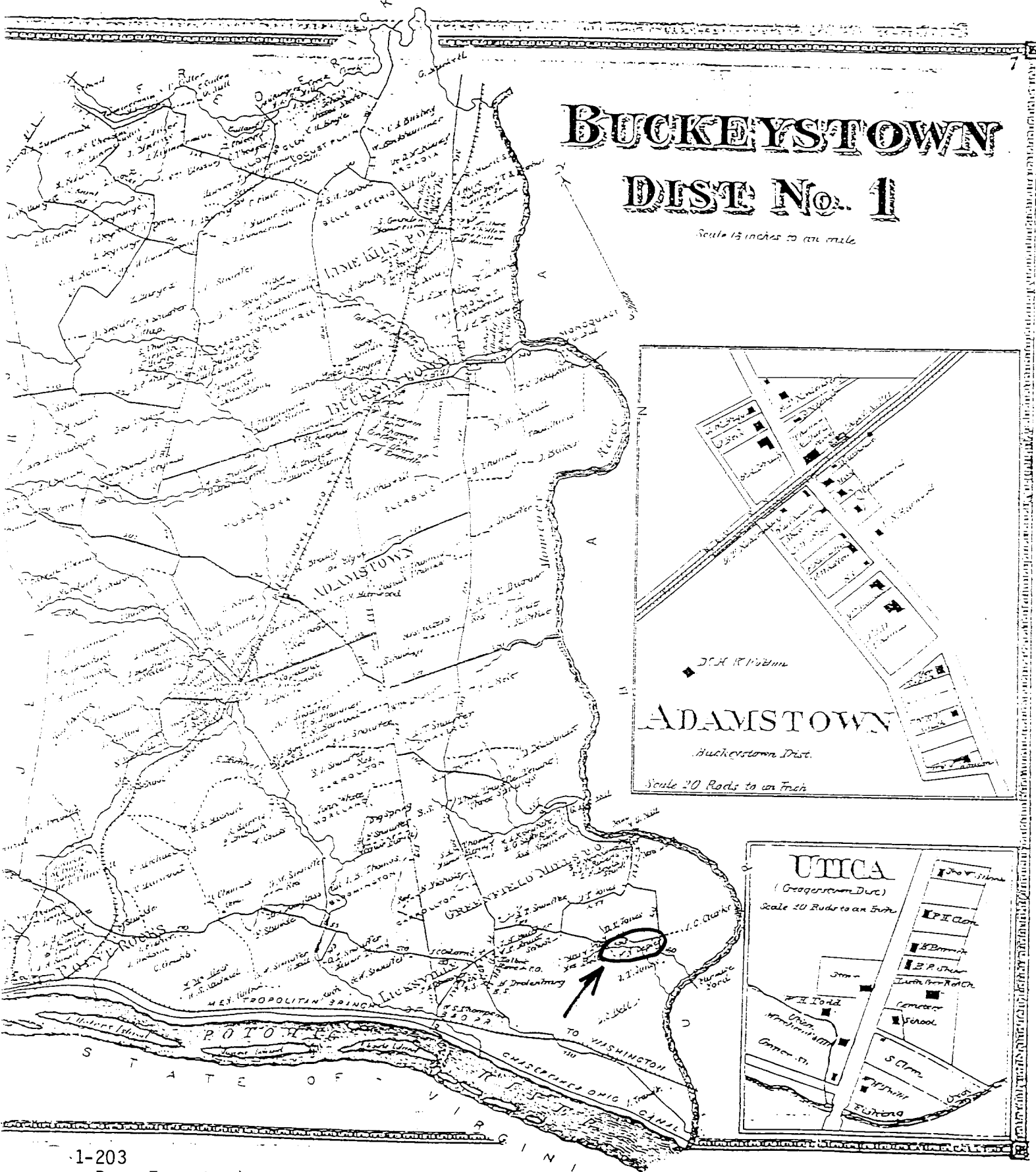


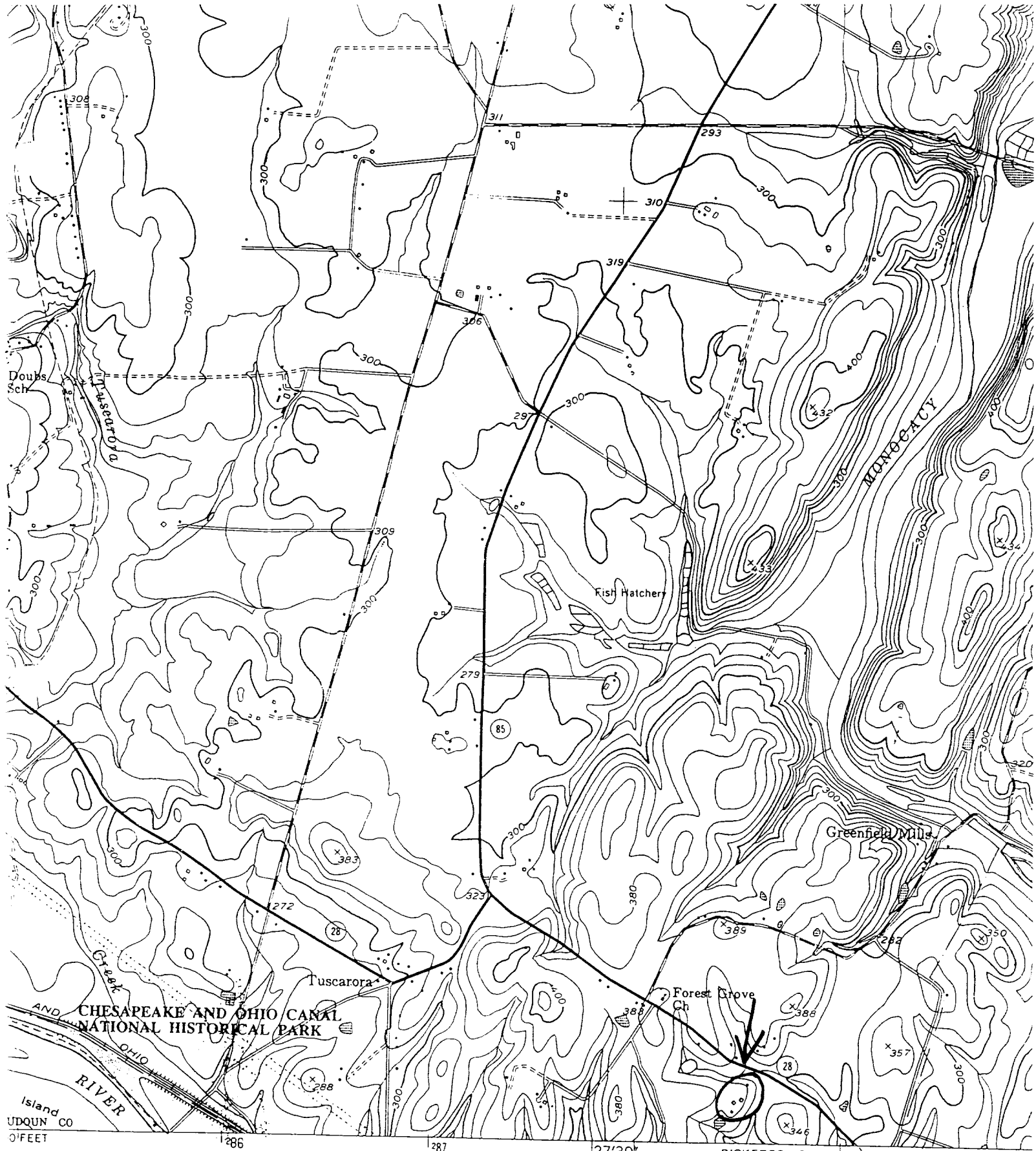
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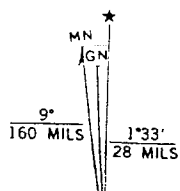


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Isaac Bond, Map of
Frederick County, 1858





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 USGS Buckeystown, MD-VA
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Fry. Pine Farmstead

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Southeast corner view

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Smokehouse and chicken house, view from
east

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Fry - Page Farmstead

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO. Crownsville Md
Wagon shed/corn crib, north elevation

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Fry-Page Farmstead

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Generator shed, west elevation

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Bank born. north west corner view

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